



CITY OF WINCHESTER

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Dear Fellow Citizen:

The INSIGHT Citizen's Academy has been such a great success, we can't wait to begin the 2006 session! The schedule has been improved and expanded and additional agencies have been added to the list of presenters. All changes were for the better and due, in part, to the suggestions made by academy participants.

Our goal is to take the confusion out of your experiences with City departments and to provide ways for us to communicate. The most important way to improve our city is to have a constructive, working relationship with our citizenry. And we can accomplish this by open communication. We invite you to get involved and get informed.

The program is offered free of charge as a service to the community, and we hope you will consider being a part of the 2006 program. Details on the program are included inside this brochure. Please take a moment to read over the schedule, and please call us with any questions. Space is limited, so apply now for your spot in the 2006 INSIGHT program.

We look forward to meeting you, and thank you for your interest and support.

Kindest regards,

Liz Minor
Mayor

Charley Gaynor
Council President

Ed Daley
City Manager

**Below are a few comments made by
INSIGHT graduates about the overall
effectiveness and purpose of the academy:**

"Actually meeting the City leaders and their staffs, hearing the detailed presentations and witnessing an enthusiasm and dedication that reflected a shared sense of service to the community was what made this program effective."

"Having the opportunity to meet the people first hand was the best part - as it made the workings of the government come to life."

"Each meeting was informative. We all walked away having learned plenty."

"This program has proven to be highly informative and showed the city's resolve to reach out into the populace and breach the wall of ignorance that often impedes progress."

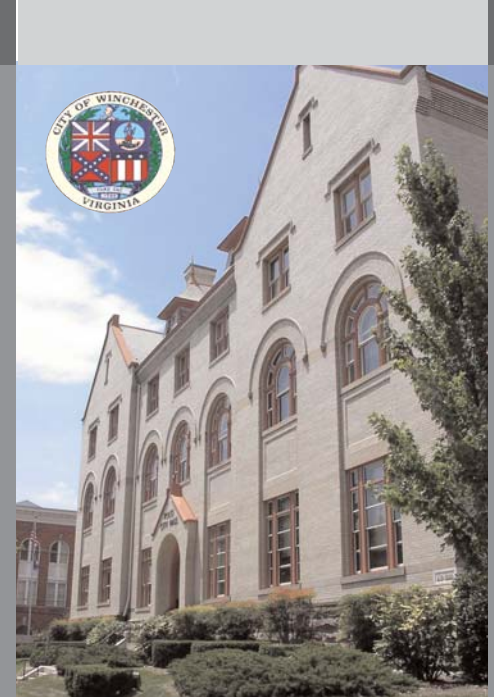
"Thank you for including me in this program. I highly recommend it to citizens who want to be involved with the community."

"Thanks so much to Ed Daley and all for making this program one of the highlights of my life in Winchester."

"I wish everyone would have this experience and feeling of enlightened government working to enlighten its citizens."

"All I can say is a big THANK YOU!"

INSIGHT Citizens Academy



**Learn about your
local government.**

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"Providing quality services to our citizens in a cost-effective, efficient and courteous manner, while anticipating the future needs of our community."



2006 Schedule

What is the INSIGHT Citizens Academy?

The INSIGHT program is a series of informational sessions organized to serve as a "tool box" of information to help citizens navigate through the complex system of government operations and services. The INSIGHT program is designed to improve communications between citizens and government, as well as foster increased citizen involvement and educate citizens about City government. Therefore, participants must attend all sessions to receive the maximum benefit.

Who can participate?

Anyone (14 years or older) interested in learning more about their local government can participate. The class will consist of no more than 25 participants.

How do I sign up?

Complete the enclosed application and return it to the City of Winchester. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Applicants not scheduled for the first session will be placed on a waiting list for the next session.

What are the program's details?

August 17 through November 9, 2006
Thursday Nights, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Each session will be held at the site of the subject.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>
8/17	Council/City Manager/City Attorney
8/24	Police/Fire & Rescue/EMS/E-911
8/31	Utilities
9/2	<i>Tour: Water Plant (9 a.m.)</i>
9/7	Parks & Recreation
9/14	Public Works
9/21	Finance/Treasurer/Commissioner of the Revenue
9/28	Administration/Information Technology/Voter Registrar
10/5	Commonwealth Attorney/Sheriff/Clerk of Circuit Court
10/7	<i>Tour: JDC & Jail (9 a.m.)</i>
10/12	Planning/Zoning/Inspections
10/19	Economic Development/CDBG/Old Town Development Board/Parking Authority
10/26	Winchester Public Schools
11/2	Social Services
11/9	Graduation

INSIGHT Citizens Academy Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Years Living in Winchester: _____

What do you hope to learn?:

Are you planning to attend all sessions? **Y N**

If not, why? _____

Shirt size (please circle): **S M L XL**

Deadline for Submittal: August 1, 2006

Return this application to: City of Winchester,
Attn: Amy Simmons, Rouss City Hall, 15 North
Cameron Street, Winchester, VA 22601 or fax to
(540) 722-3618.

Please cut along this line and return to the City of Winchester.